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For: "METHOD FOR THIOSULFATE
LEACHING OF PRECIOUS
METAL-CONTAINING
MATERIALS"

) Group Art Unit: 1754

) Examiner:

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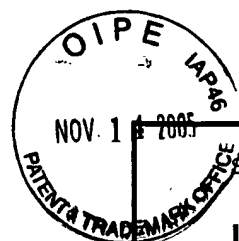
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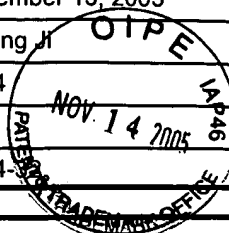
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